MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*) : What is the cause of the difference in the yield of salt in Puthallom and old allom?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : I submit, Sir, that this does not arise as a supplementary question as the question relates only to Sri Sankara Allom and Puthallom.

PRESIDENT : You may claim notice if you are not prepared to answer that question.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : I claim notice.

Nagercoil Distillery.

162. * MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the amount spent on repairs to the continuous still in the Nagercoil Distillery during the past five years?

MR C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : A *statement containing the required information is laid on the table.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*) : May I know why in 1108 the expenditure rose up to Rs. 1377?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Some additional repairs had to be made in that year and they were more costly than the repairs of previous years.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*) : May I know the nature of the repairs?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Details are not available. The Assistant Excise Commissioner reports that it was partly due to the adjustment for the work done in 1105 and partly due to the work undertaken in that year itself.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*) : May I know whether this extra expenditure is due to the fact that the still is an old one?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : It is a fact that it is an old still.

Bus Services on the Quilon-Alleppey road.

163. * MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the then Chief Engineer has, in his letter No. 338 dated 7-2-1929, addressed to the Commissioner of Police, permitted one-ton buses to ply for hire on the Quilon-Alleppey road :

(*b*) the total number of one-ton buses plying for hire on the Quilon-Alleppey road in 1110 and in 1111, respectively ; and

(*c*) the period during which these one-ton buses have been or were allowed to ply for hire on the Quilon-Alleppey road?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : (*a*) Yes ; one ton buses with 15 seats, provided the buses are taken empty over the Krishnapuram bridge.

(*b*) 7 buses in each of the years 1110 and 1111.

(*c*) 3 buses for the last 5 years and the rest for the last two years.

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